



The City's budget intends to be a financial plan that prioritizes the high quality services residents have come to expect in a fiscally responsible manner.

The proposed property tax levy would result in 2016 City property taxes of approximately \$995 on a median value home.

Where Do Your Dollars Go?

Monthly costs for Levy-Supported City Services

*Based on median valued home and 2016 proposed levy



\$9.19 – City Operations



\$2.64 – Community Development



\$26.72 – Public Safety



\$8.33 – Public Works



\$10.82 – Parks and Recreation



\$2.12 – Facility Maintenance



\$23.09 – Insurance, Debt, Obligations*

*The City's debt supports assets such as the Aquatic Center, Riverfront Renaissance, Public Works Facility, Annual Street Infrastructure Program, Fire Trucks and other similar items.



2016 City of Hastings Budget at a Glance

The 2016 proposed property tax levy is \$12,510,920

This a 3.73% increase over 2015. The proposed increase is *less* than the average proposed property tax levy increase of 5.05% for comparable sized cities in Dakota County.

At the proposed property tax levy, a median value home will see a \$59 annual increase of City property taxes.

The proposed increase in the City levy will result in an annual property tax increase of \$15. The remaining \$44 is a result of an increase in market values within the City.

The City maintains two types of operational funds:

Enterprise Funds consist of utility operations – Water, Wastewater, Storm Water and The Hydroelectric Plant. The utility funds are funded almost exclusively by user-fees and are intended to be self-supporting. The revenue coming into the fund is used to pay for current operational costs and to save for future infrastructure repairs and improvements. The Hydroelectric Plant brings in sufficient cash flow to help subsidize the City's general fund operations.

Governmental Funds consist of the City's operational, project and debt service funds. In addition to property taxes, these dollars are funded by sources including investment interest, local government aid, grants, and user fees such as park programming fees, building permits, and licenses. **The property tax levy is the primary funding source for services such as police protection, fire protection, and parks and recreation.**



New in 2016

- New playground equipment at Sunny Acres and Tierney parks
- New Tandem-Axle Dump Truck to assist with street maintenance activities
- Inaugural year programming for the new Riverfront Pavilion
- New lawn mowing equipment to assist with the upkeep of the new Riverfront park areas
- New snow removal equipment to assist with more effective snow removal
- Initiating a sanitary sewer lining program to help maintain sewer lines

The City strives to develop spending priorities in-line with its CORE Values.

We value and promote participation and interactions with citizens and staff. We will seek to assure timely and open communications while providing background and context for the decisions that are made. We will seek to serve the public and other employees in a constructive, creative and practical manner. And we recognize the value of using all City resources in an efficient and effective manner.

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2016 City of Hastings By the Numbers

Budget Process

6 open meetings:

- 4 Finance Committee
- 1 City Council workshop
- 1 City Council hearing

40 weeks allocated to budget process

Public Safety

29 full time police officers

15 full time firefighter/paramedics

39 paid on call firefighter/EMT

5 fire trucks

3 ambulances

11 marked squad cars

Parks and Recreation

420 acres of parks

30 miles of trails

22 playgrounds

1 dog park

1 new programming specialist to plan community activities

Public Works

105 miles of streets

1,334 fire hydrants

2,465,000 gallons of water used daily by City residents and business

\$450,000 anticipated surplus cash flow from the Hydro Power Facility in 2016